

Health Reform in Iowa: Iowa Department of Public Health's Role

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Iowa e-Health Project

Iowa Health Information Technology Plan

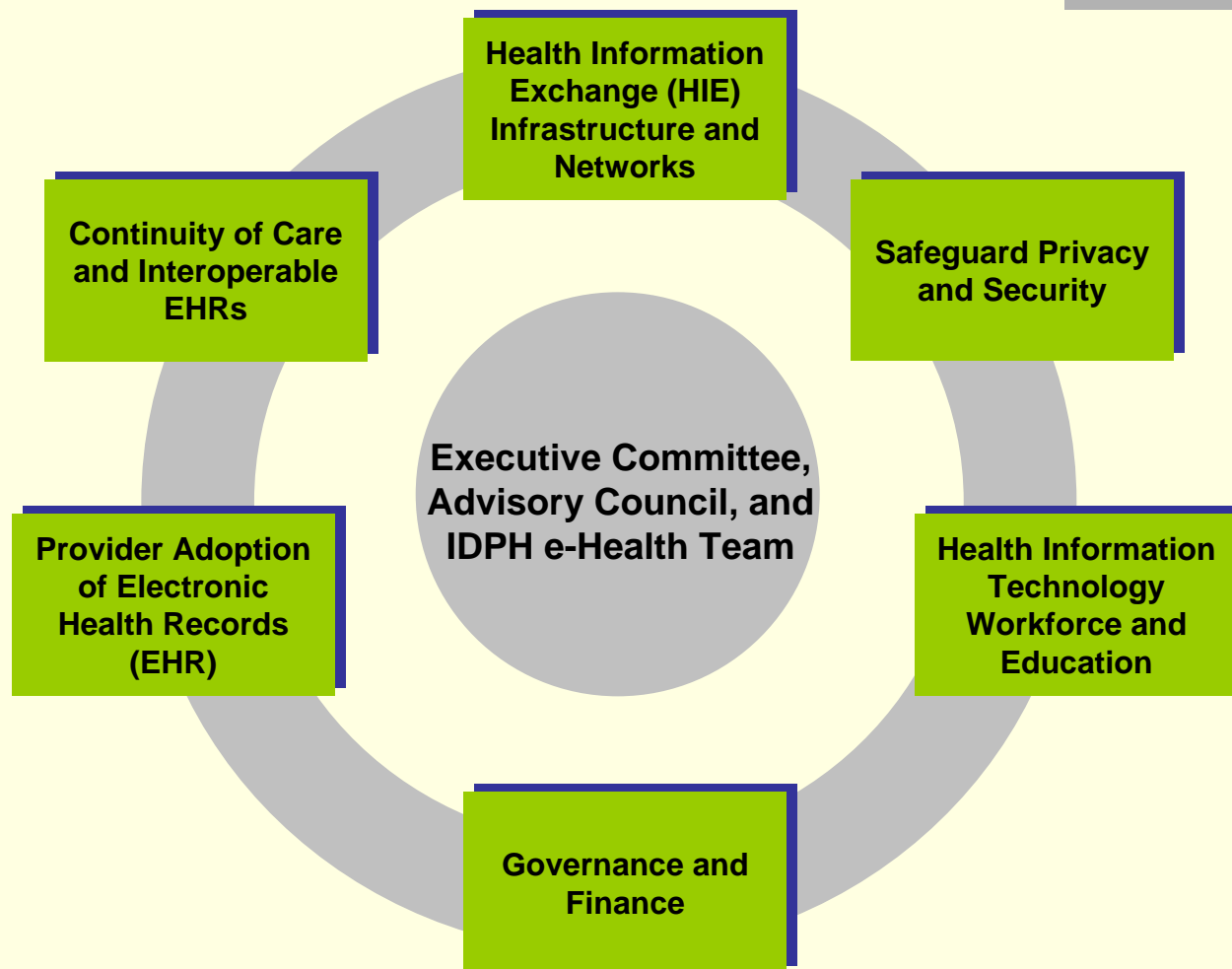
Statewide Planning for Health IT

Our vision is for a healthier Iowa through the use and exchange of electronic health information to improve patient centered health care and population health. This initiative will produce a public good that will:

- Improve quality of health care
- Assure patient safety
- Increase efficiency in health care delivery
- Promote and protect the health of Iowans



e-Health Workgroups





Iowa's e-Health Plan

- Describes the planning approach and scope of activities to advance health IT
- A framework for a state grant funding application to the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (Section 3013)
- Approved by:
 - Executive Committee on June 19, 2009
 - State Board of Health July 8, 2009
- Plan is available at the IDPH website:
[http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hcr_committees/electronic_health_info.a
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Iowa e-Health Plan - Goals

1. Build awareness and trust of health IT
2. Promote statewide deployment and use of EHRs and HIE
3. Enable the electronic exchange of health information
4. Safeguard privacy and security of electronic health information
5. Build an appropriately-trained, skilled health IT workforce
6. Develop a framework for implementation and sustainability of health IT



e-Health: Moving Forward

- Convene regular workgroup, executive committee, and advisory council meetings
- Further define cost requirements and develop an implementation plan
- Pursue funding streams
- Apply for Federal funding through Office of the National Coordinator (ONC):
 - State grant programs for HIE
 - Provider incentives (Medicaid EHR purchase)
 - Meaningful Use bonuses (Medicare and Medicaid)
 - Regional Extension Centers (support Providers)



Medical Home System Advisory Council

- Began meeting November 2008
- Developed recommendations for the Iowa General Assembly in March 2009
- Recommendations provide a baseline around four building blocks
- Report is available at:
http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hcr_committees/medical_home.asp



MHSAC Recommendations

- Sustain the MHSAC to promote the patient-centered medical home (PCMH) as a standard of care for all Iowans.
- Encourage and support a multi-payer reimbursement model that supports the PCMH.
- Support current efforts around education and demonstrating best practices.
- Support broader health reform efforts including e-Health, Prevention and Chronic Care Management, Health care workforce



MHSAC: Moving Forward

- Created three workgroups around further development of the building blocks
 - Definition and Certification
 - Reimbursement and Policy
 - Education (providers, payers and patients)

MHSAC: Next Year

- Develop a multi-payer reimbursement pilot that demonstrates a return on investment and provides a framework for spread
- Use pilot to develop best practices within the context of needs for all lowans
- Develop and formalize certification standards to be used statewide and across payers

Prevention and Chronic Care Management Advisory Council

- Council met November 2008 through May 2009
- Determined two top priorities
 - Prevention Focus: Obesity
 - Disease Management: Diabetes
- Created Report that included six recommendations
- Recommendations are intended to be fluid and can be adapted to federal priorities

PCCM Advisory Council Recommendations

- Create the Iowa Prevention and Chronic Care Advisory Council
- Empower people with the tools to live healthy lives
- Identify consensus guidelines for use in chronic care management
- Establish a chronic disease practice registry product
- Improve incentives for preventions and chronic disease management
- Improve the health workforce and their skills in prevention and chronic disease management

PCCM Advisory Council Recommendations

- Report and Recommendations were presented to IDPH Director and State Board of Health July 2009
 - Include evidence-based, population-based public health strategies in future efforts
 - Recognize and include substance abuse and hepatitis in prioritized list
 - Include focus on pediatric/childhood prevention and chronic disease management strategies
 - Multicultural awareness

PCCM: Moving Forward

- Create actions and strategies to implement the six global recommendations from the report
- Determine Best Practices in health promotion and disease management
- Develop a plan for a state chronic disease prevention and management initiative – by July 1, 2010.
- Continue to coordinate with other health care reform councils to achieve a cohesive statewide initiative
- Determine useful evaluation processes to determine effectiveness of initiatives

Health and Long Term Care Access Advisory Council

■ Charges to IDPH

- Develop strategic plan for health care delivery infrastructure and health care workforce resources
- Provide for the continuous collection of data to provide a basis for health care strategic planning and health care policymaking
- Make recommendations regarding the health care delivery infrastructure and the health care workforce that assist in monitoring current needs, predicting future trends, and informing policymaking.



Health and Long Term Care Access Advisory Council

- Council's focus during first year is the Health and Long-Term Care Workforce
- Cross-educating one another through presentations on these and other topics:
 - Existing data sets and workforce activities at the Office of Statewide Clinical Education Programs
 - Economic Considerations & Career Choices
 - Iowa's Demographics and Health Disparities
 - I-Smile Two-Tiered Dental Home Model
 - Workforce issues and solutions in various long-term care facilities and other living environments

Health and Long-Term Care Access Advisory Council

- Six goal statements center on vulnerable populations
 - Assure access
 - For all Iowans living in rural areas
 - For all Iowans living in urban underserved areas.
 - For people with disabilities
 - For the elderly
 - For ethnic and racial minorities
 - For the uninsured and underinsured



Health and Long-Term Care Access Advisory Council- Moving Forward

- Submit recommendations for the strategic plan to IDPH by mid-September
- IDPH to formulate the initial phase of the strategic plan early – by November 2009, rather than January 2010
- Council integrating strategies recommended in earlier workforce initiatives
- Finalizing recommendations to IDPH
- Builds on collaborations and strategic planning sessions during monthly meetings since November 2008
- For more information:
http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hcr_committees/care_access.asp



Direct Care Worker Advisory Council

- Continuing work from first Iowa Direct Care Worker Task Force
- Report due September 30th
 - Recommendations on:
 - certification
 - education and training
 - standardization requirements for supervision
 - functions for direct care workers



Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Nutrition

Youth Individual Challenge

- Partnering with Live Healthy Iowa Kids program through Iowa Sports Foundation
- Developed tracking posters
- 7 statewide organizations will give input
- Challenge will begin in January, 2010

School Challenge

- Developed set of strength training exercises for the physical activity criteria of the challenge.



Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Nutrition

Healthy Iowa Awards

- Partnering with Wellness Council of Iowa
- Provides Health Iowa Awards for communities, schools, colleges, and visionaries
- Applications for awards were due August
- For a description of the awards, click [here](#)
- The awards banquet will be held October 1st, 2009

For more information, visit www.healthyiowa.gov



Iowa Healthy Communities Initiative (Community Wellness Grants)

- 24 Community Wellness Grants have been awarded for the FY2009-2011 project period
- IDPH staff will:
 - Provide 2 group technical assistance to the 24 grantees in the areas of Sustainability and Project Evaluation,
 - Conduct monthly individual project technical assistance calls
 - Schedule site visits to assigned communities
- A Community Wellness Grant newsletter will be created to current and former Community Wellness Grantees



Iowa Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (IPOLST)

- Cedar Rapids IPOLST Committees meet monthly
 - Educate health providers
 - Create forms
 - Develop community awareness campaigns
- IPOLST Advisory Council
 - Meet in November to review Cedar Rapids report
 - Recommendations to Legislature and Governor by January 2010

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